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# NEW SEPARATE PEACE RUMORS

RUMORS FROM CAIRO ALLEGED CONFERENCE WAS RECENTLY HELD

BRITISH, HOWEVER, STATE FULL ACCORD WITH ALLIES MAINTAINED

By RICHARD McMURRAY  
Associated Press War Editor.  
Pravda, official newspaper of the Communist party of Russia, published as "rumors from Cairo" today that two English officials had conferred secretly with Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to determine conditions for a separate peace.

"According to information from reliable Greek and Yugoslav sources, a secret meeting took place in one of the seacoast cities of the Pyrenees Peninsula between two English officials and von Ribbentrop," the brief dispatch said. "The meeting had the aim of finding out the conditions of a separate peace with the Germans. It is understood the meeting did not remain without results."

The British reiterated that no peace would be negotiated with the Germans without the full accord of all the Allies, including Russia. The importance of the published rumors was based on the fact that they were printed at all in an official Moscow publication.

Americans of the Fifth Army intelligence to Cassino today after reaching the Rapido river on which stands that German bastion guarding the Liri valley approach to Rome, 70 miles away.

A powerful new Russian offensive beat against the Nazis north of Nevel, puncturing the German lines before the Baltic States for a distance of nine miles and a depth of five. The First Ukrainian Army west of Kiev had plunged 55 miles into Old Poland and, by official Russian account, had killed 10,000 or taller men and captured 7,000 in three weeks ended Thursday.

Russian proposal rejected.

The Russians rejected a Polish proposal suggesting American and British help in adjusting the Russian-Polish frontier. Moscow insisted upon the Curzon line set by the Allies in 1919, and this would deprive the Poles of two-fifths of their 1939 territory and a third of their population.

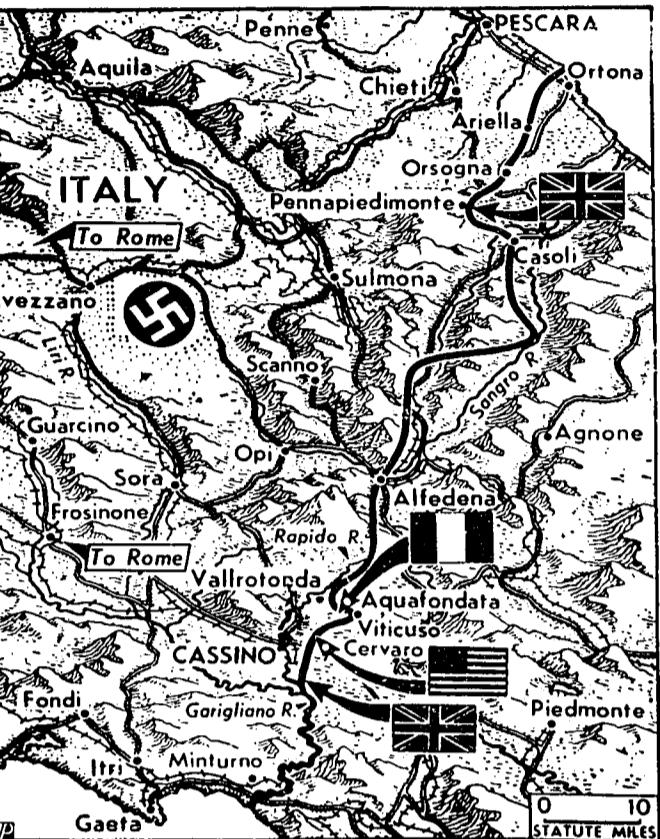
Thus another diplomatic crisis was precipitated within the United Nations by the sharp, short Russian announcement saying the Soviet Union could not enter into official negotiations with a government with which diplomatic relations have been interrupted."

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, a hero of Tunisia, was named senior American field commander of U.S. forces massing in Britain for invasion of Western Europe. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, supreme commander, reached his British headquarters after conferring in Africa with Prime Minister Churchill and in this country with President Roosevelt. Mr. Churchill talked with Gen. Charles DeGaulle and reached agreement on the part French forces would play in the assault.

Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson also forged ahead in White Russia, crossing the Ippa river to capture Novoselski, 17 miles north of Kalinovitchi in the Prerpmarshes, and reaching point 47 miles from the old Polish border in a drive toward Pinsk, about 100 miles away.

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WHERE FRENCH PUSH TOWARD CASSINO—Arrow from French flag indicates thrust by French troops in capturing village of Acquafondata in push on Cassino. Nearby village of Vittorio apparently was also in Allied control. Meantime British artillery was in action near Pennapiedimonte on Adriatic side of line. (AP wirephoto.)

POWERFUL SOVIET OFFENSIVE HEADED DIRECTION LATVIA

AMERICAN MARINES HAVE CAPTURED HILL 660 IN BLOODY FIGHT

NOW DOMINATE BORGAN BAY AREA OF WESTERN NEW BRITAIN

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 17.—(P)—A powerful new Soviet offensive was sweeping toward the 70-mile distant Latvian border today, hurling the Germans back along a nine-mile front, while in old Poland far to the south Red army spearheads were driving toward the big rail and highway junction of Rovno.

Asserting last night that the new drive to the north of Nevel already had swept up 40 localities and cut the important Novosokolniki railroad at the same time that Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's First Ukrainian army had killed 100,000 Germans and captured 7,000 in the three weeks of the massive offensive which has carried the Russians 55 miles inside old Poland.

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LOUISIANA PRIMARY EXPECTED TO POLL BIG VOTE TUESDAY

SEVERAL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES SEEK TO UNSEAT GOV. SAM JONES

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17.—(P)—An estimated 400,000 voters will express their choice among eight candidates tomorrow in the Louisiana democratic gubernatorial primary, with each camp claiming victory and each candidate courting the large independent vote expected.

Political circles loomed upon the independent vote as a determining factor in deciding whether the four-year-old "reform" government of Governor Sam Jones would stand or fall.

One independent candidate, James H. Morrison, sixth district representative in congress, declared from the stump that Tuesday's primary would roll up a "Morrison tide" and "see the end of the political machines of Governor Sam Jones and New Orleans' mayor, Robert S. Maestri."

Maestri is head of the New Orleans old regular democratic organization which is supporting the anti-Jones gubernatorial ticket headed by Lewis L. Morgan, Covington attorney.

The Jones men, without formal administration endorsement, are supporting the candidacy of Jimmie Wells at Austin.

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GEN. EISENHOWER SAYS ALLIED PLANS ARE WELL ADVANCED

SUPREME COMMANDER OF ALLIED INVASION FORCES PLEASED WITH AIDES

By LEWIS HAWKINS  
LONDON, Jan. 17.—(P)—The pre-invasion task is Britain already is far advanced, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower disclosed today, even as Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson hinted at new blows in the Mediterranean, possibly into southern France.

This picture of allied might menacing Hitler from the west and south as well as the east was thrown into sharper focus with an announcement that Lt.-Gen. Omar N. Bradley, veteran of Tunisia, has become senior American general under Eisenhower in this theater.

Eisenhower, in his first press conference as western invasion commander-in-chief, warmly praised naval, air, supply and other forces for "the work that has been done in advance of my coming" and lauded infantrymen in the United Kingdom who "are getting themselves ready and toughened for any job that lies ahead."

Wilson, the new Mediterranean commander-in-chief, in his first press meeting at allied headquarters in Algiers, declared his front extends from the Maritsa river in the Balkans to the Pyrenees, and "we've got to hit home wherever we see the opportunity x x x. If we saw an opportunity for going into southern France, we should do so."

He added he would confer today with French Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

"With luck," Wilson said, "the allies will win the war in Europe this year, but whether we'll finish it is unthinkable that the home-folks would let them down by not making available the money necessary to furnish the equipment needed to win the war."

Expect oversubscription.

An immediate oversubscription to the Navarro county total is confidently expected by the chairman who pointed out that "with Navarro county soldiers fighting and giving their lives on every battle front it is unthinkable that the home-folks would let them down by not

making available the money necessary to furnish the equipment needed to win the war."

Put Money On Line.

With invasion of the continent imminent and the fighting growing in intensity each day in Italy where the 36th Division is battling under most adverse conditions of weather and terrain, Butler pointed out that this is no time to hesitate in placing your money on the line to back the hometown boys on the firing line.

"If the invasion should fail your dollars will not mean very much—of course the invasion is not going to fail—and we here at home are not going to fail our fighting men—we must oversubscribe our quota without delay," the chairman asserted.

Paying Investment.

"Another thing we must take into consideration," Butler pointed out, "is the fact that when you purchase war bonds you are making a safe and paying investment—for every three dollars you put in bonds you get four dollars in return. You can't afford to sell America short and you can't afford to let the hometown boys down."

Every indication points to the fact that the French War Loan will be received with enthusiasm by the citizenship of Navarro county and that every person will do his duty and more, it was observed by the chairman.

The exact penetration where American troops finally pushed up to the Rapido, which runs almost due north and south at Cassino, was not announced. Previously, however, U. S. infantrymen had stormed and captured Mt. Trocchio, the last high ground before Cassino, whose peak it but two miles from the town, and it was possible that they had thrust on down the slopes to Cassino itself.

The French of Gen. Alphonse Juin also smashed through precipitous hills and mountains in the spiny Appennines to reach the upper Rapido, having previously captured the village of Cardito and another of the many Mt. Croces which dot the Italian terrain.

At Cardito and Mt. Croce, the French were 9 to 10 miles north of Cassino and only slightly east. Lower down the line, however, where they had reached to within two miles of the mountain village to Sant' Elia they were but five miles from Cassino.

The Rapido's high banks have

been reached banks of river running through Cassino

BY WES GALLAGHER

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 17.—(P)—American Marines, in what some of them termed the bloodiest battles of the Southwest Pacific, have captured hill 660 to dominate the Borgan Bay area of western New Britain, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

Australians kept pace by sweeping on through Sio, on New Guinea's northeast coast and advancing three miles farther.

Allied bombers joined the victory parade with a heavy blow at Japanese shipping in the strong enemy base at Rabaul, northeast New Britain.

"Direct hits and damaging near-misses," said MacArthur's communique, were scored on Japanese cruiser, a destroyer, and seven cargo ships in the harbor. Returning pilots said the destroyer and one merchant ship were possibly sunk.

The navy planes shot down 20 of 60 to 70 Japanese fighters at a cost of two bombers and eight fighters, raising the enemy's loss in planes at Rabaul alone to at least 124 since Jan. 1. Four pilots of the downed allied aircraft were saved.

The attack was the first blow to be delivered against Rabaul

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**Edgar A. Guest**

The Poet of the People

**GAMES ROOM LAUNDRY.**  
It used to be our games room, but the war has made a change, and where we all made merry once the atmosphere is strange. Since mother does the washing now, and I'm assistant, there To dry, up on the candlestick's the other shirt I wear.

Upon the old Victoria now are mother's "pretties" spread. That moose I got in Canada wears shorts upon his head. Time was a mighty elk I shot, and now on every time, As though he'd gored a sewing bag, are hanging socks of mine.

I know we serve a noble cause, and yet, somehow, I wish She wouldn't string her hosiery along that mounted fish. He was a finny monster once, the glory of the deep, To see him so employed today would make an angler weep.

From east to west a line is strung. No more we meet to dance, Where once the air was fragrant with the dainty scents of France. Today there is a soapy smell; and by that treasured sword which once was waved at Gettysburg there stands the scrubbing board.

That is literally true, of course, as far as the Nazi leaders and military forces are concerned. The civilized world could do very well without them, and they must be destroyed, so far as possible, to keep them from destroying peaceful nations. But the outer world, though not very fond of the German people at present, is certainly not on a rampage to wipe Germany off the face of the earth. It is merely engaged in a twofold effort to keep Germany from destroying peaceful nations and to knock a little sense and decency into the Germans who support their leaders' murderous enterprises.

Hitler himself, however, is literally fighting for survival. The Allied Nations would hang him joyfully if they caught him. That calamity may come before the world is much older.

**VOTE PROBLEMS**

The soldiers' vote question is still unsettled. Perhaps the oddest view expressed was that of a senator who favored leaving the matter with the 48 states. He said that soldiers should revere the Constitution. And it would have been all right enough if he had not added that our boys would rather lose their vote than have it interpreted broadly enough to cover the present contingency. How many soldiers does he know?

The real difficulty about leaving the matter with the states was well put by Senator Green of Rhode Island. "Every unit in the field," said Senator Green, "would have to be provided with information as to the laws of all the states, since the men in the service are not distributed according to geographical regions." Add to that the complications with which some states have already surrounded absent voting, and the soldier might complete his arrangements for 1944 voting some time in 1946. That is, if he had not been moved elsewhere in the meantime.

BOMBING NEAR JAPAN

The Kurile Islands are in the news again, and that is bad news for Japan. From a bomber's viewpoint they are Japan's weakness, and a tempting approach to the homeland of our enemies. The long chain of islands fill up nearly all of the 750 miles from Kamchatka in Russian Asia to Japan. On this account the Japanese got them by a trade from the Russians 70 years ago, not of course then dreaming of attack from the air, but feeling easier with such a string of next door islands under their own control.

Now our flyers have for the fifth time bombed Paramushiro on the northern end. The redemption of the Aleutian Islands made this possible. Whether the damage was great or small, to have American bombers strike so close to home must make the Japanese feel much as New Yorkers might if enemies dropped bombs on the tip of Long Island.

There will be further news from the Kuriles as time goes on.

That winter weather that we read about in the news from Italy gives us more respect than ever for the cold Roman Legions. They had to march everywhere in sandals, with no pants.

The attitude of the Senate toward soldiers' voting might be summed up as, "Sure, they should vote, but—"

Remember the song, popular a few years ago, which raised the question, "How're you gon' to keep 'em down on the farm?" Well, the next question for Uncle Sam seems to be "How're you gon' to get 'em back on the farm?"

Millions of women, ranging from 15 years up through the decades where women don't tell their ages any more, have gone into munition factories and other kinds of mechanical plants. There are more women, too, in offices and other places where feminine employees can function more elegantly. But in general, the old line between professional or office work and hand labor seems to be breaking down. Girls who a few years ago would never have dreamed of operating lathes in the mills take it now as a matter of course.

Factories have done a good deal to make them-

**Girls 4-H Club Was Organized Zion's Rest School Tuesday**

Under the leadership of Miss Eva Williams, assistant county home demonstration agent, the girls of Zion's Rest school met on Tuesday to organize a girls' 4-H club.

The following officers were elected: Eva Wildener, president; Darcas Ann Montfort, vice-president; Lenora Mathison, secretary and treasurer; Mary Louise Meeker, reporter; Delores Marr, recreational leader; Miss Edith Mitchell, sponsor; Garner McKinney, home improvement; and Lenora Mathison, home food supplies.

The girls were instructed in the use of seeds to plant and how to plant them. The subject, "Food Fights for Freedom" was discussed. Forty-nine girls were present.

**Re-Elect Trustees Foundation Meeting**

Four managing trustees whose terms had expired were re-elected at the annual meeting of the trustees of the Navarro Community Foundation Wednesday afternoon.

Officers were re-elected for 1944.

Trustees re-named are Ralph Stoll, W. T. McKey, Ben F. Blackmon and J. E. Dillard. Honorary trustees are B. L. Davis, J. M. Dyer, A. G. Elliott, Sydney Marks, Dr. E. H. Newton, T. L. Tyson, D. L. Wheelock and E. W. Robinson.

Officers re-named are A. G. Elliott, chairman; J. O. Burke, vice-chairman; E. W. Robinson, recording-treasurer.

Stoll and Tyson were renamed members of the executive committee along with the officers.

**Rites On Friday For Little Boy Who Died Wednesday**

Funeral services for Hubert A. Middleton, 100 years, who died at the P. T. S. Hospital Wednesday afternoon, were held from the State Home chapel Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Dillard W. Thurman, Church of Christ minister, conducted the rites.

Burial was in Hamilton cemetery. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Middleton, another, two sisters and other relatives.

Pallbearers were students of the State Home.

**Geraughty Favors Vote for Soldiers**

Pat Geraughty, Navarro county legislator, not only favors the allowing of voting privileges to the soldiers, but the various frants for those 21 years of age or older, but also those from 18 to 21 who are in the armed forces.

The Navarro county law maker stated Thursday night he favored a special session of the Texas legislature to enact the necessary legislation, although he has not written his views to Governor, Coke R. Stevenson. Geraughty is serving his first term as representative from the 68th District (Navarro county.)

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## Virginia Parker And Lt. Schwab Married Here

Of interest to a wide circle of friends was the marriage of Miss Ruth Virginia Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Parker, to Lt. Glenn Orville Schwab, son of Mrs. Lizzie and the late Edward Schwab of Gridley, Kansas, which was solemnized on Thursday, January 6 at 6 o'clock p. m. at the home of the bride's parents.

The impressive double ring ceremony was read by Rev. Derward Geddie before a latticed arched at the foot of the stairway with varied shades of pink, red and lace fern in tall white baskets, tied with blue ribbon, highlighting the decor. An open wood fire further enhanced the simple charm of the setting.

The bride wore a brown gabardine suit with aqua and brown accessories, and a corsage of Talcism roses.

The bride's only attendant was her mother, who was gowned in black with white gardenias for accent.

E. O. Schwab served his brother as best man.

**Reception Held.**

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held for the close friends and relatives who had assembled.

Centering the bride's table was an all-white wedding cake encircled with Meringue dashes and feather fern. The table was further adorned with a miniature bride and bridegroom, the bride's veil being caught with blue step hanolis and trailing gracefully across the polished surface of the table.

Mrs. R. L. Davis, aunt of the bride who presided at the silver coffee service, was attired in black with a corsage of carnations and a diamond necklace. Mrs. E. O. Schwab, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, who served the wedding cake wore a dark blue suit with pink carnations.

**Educational Background.**

The bride is a 1939 graduate of Corsicana High school, attended Baylor University and the University of Denver, and received the degree of distinction in the National Forensic League.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Kansas State University, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Wichita, Emporia and Gridley, Kansas, on a short wedding trip, after which Lt. Schwab will return to Fort Lewis, Wash., where he is stationed and the bride will assume her duties at Bryan, Texas, with the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. department of agriculture.

## Athens Man Buried Tuesday Afternoon

Leon Merchan, age 43 years, died at his home in Athens Sunday night and funeral services were held there Tuesday afternoon.

Surviving are his wife, a brother, a sister and other relatives.

He was well known in Corsicana.

**Our Want Ads Bring Results**



UNITED IN HOME CEREMONY—Miss Ruth Virginia Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Parker, Corsicana, became the bride of Lt. Glenn Orville Schwab, son of Mrs. Lizzie Schwab and the late Edward Schwab, of Gridley, Kansas, in a pretty home ceremony on Thursday evening, Jan. 6. The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Wichita, Emporia and Gridley, Kansas, on a short wedding trip, after which Lt. Schwab will return to Fort Lewis, Wash., and the bride will resume her duties with the Soil Conservation Service at Bryan, Texas.—Photo to Dickeson Studio.

## SPECIAL SESSION

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A constitutional amendment cannot be submitted at special session. The next general session begins in January, 1945.

The governor said further he made exceptions to poll tax payments for certain classifications of citizens, including the disabled, but that did not alter his opinion that the legislature constitutional cannot waive soldier poll tax in special session.

**Many Have Urged Session.**

Numerous members have urged a session and cited court opinions in conflict with those examined by the governor.

The governor has pointed out that future action by congress may change the voting qualifications of soldiers who meanwhile may pay their poll tax and apply for absentee ballots for primary and general elections in Texas.

Rep. Earl Huddleston of Oglesby said in Austin that he favored a session, adding:

"I know that over half of the service men cannot vote under present absentee balloting law. We could remedy this situation in a few days if the governor would call us. Not a single person that I know of would oppose this action. If we are not

able to meet this situation in behalf of our men who are fighting for us we should resign from office and turn it over to those who will do what is right and what the citizens of Texas are demanding."

**Can Cancel Poll Tax**

HOUSTON, Jan. 17.—(P)—An opinion that the poll tax can be cancelled in Texas for members of the armed services was contained in a telegram sent by Senator Weaver Moore of Harris county, to Gov. Coke Stevenson, the Chronicle said today. The telegram follows:

"The supreme court held in Koy versus Schneider, 281 Southwestern, that a primary is not an election within the meaning of Article 6, section 2, of the constitution. x x x I believe a study of the above case and statutes will convince you poll tax can be waived for Texans in armed forces."

"I have every confidence that the governor will not be misled by the desperate attempt of the attorney general to prevent the legislature from meeting," Senator Moore said today.

Chaplains are not provided on U. S. warships smaller than heavy cruisers.

## EUROPEAN WAR

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London, Jan. 17.—(P)—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who took over as the commander of the American Second army corps in Tunisia, succeeding Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., is the senior commander of American ground forces in the United Kingdom, it was disclosed today.

Heavy Allied bombers ranged into Southern Austria to attack a Messerschmitt plant at Klagenfurt, 75 miles northeast of Trieste. Other planes struck Ospizio in Northeast Italy on a railway leading to Vienna. Orte and Terni north of Rome, were bombed. In all operations, 18 German planes were destroyed at the cost of five.

Other planes bombed the Yugoslav harbor of Zara in support of Marshal Tito's Partisans, bloodily fighting the Germans in Eastern and Central Bosnia.

The Germans expressed concern over the new Russian assault in the frigid north, asserting the Soviets had a million men poised for the thrust to the Baltic. The drive, if successful, would finally lift the cruel siege of Leningrad and might force Finland to capitulate.

The new drive cut the Novosokolniki-Dno-Leningrad railway and overran 40 hamlets. Just north of the Prapel marshes, another Red army, took Novosoklki within 100 miles of Pinsk. South of the marshes and inside Old Poland, the widening Russian branch was 15 miles west of Sarny and within 10 miles of Rovno.

**King's Personal Guard Arrested.**

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(P)—The Polish Telegraph Agency reported today that the entire personal guard of King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy had been arrested by the Germans and its members shipped in sealed trucks to prisons in Poland.

The Germans still counter-attacked heavily and despite the Southern offensive near Vinnitsa, in a mighty effort to hold open the Odessa-Warsaw railroad. Moscow said 2,000 Germans were killed and 136 tanks destroyed in this area, about 55 miles from Rumania, in a day, and a German spokesman gloomily asserted that some Russians had crossed the Bug river.

The Vichy radio said American and British heavy bombers were assembling in Russia to begin strategic bombing of Eastern Germany. Stockholm said "an arsenal city of Brunswick had" and "radio stations and RAF levelled it with 2,240 tons of bombs Friday night. One report said 12,000 were killed and 50,000 made homeless. The RAF announced that 30 per cent of Leipzig was destroyed in a stroke on Dec. 3.

Radio Berlin said without confirmation that German submarines sank five transports of 36,500 tons three destroyers and two submarines.

**Death Sentence Imposed.**

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 17.—(P)—A military tribunal has imposed the death sentence on an Italian convicted of trying to revive fascism in Italy and ordered a woman colleague imprisoned for a year, it was announced today.

**Annual Summoning.**

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 17.—(P)—Bulgarian radio announced over the weekend that reserve officers were being called to duty.

They were interpreted here today as the annual summoning of conscripts for medical inspection and a two-year tour of duty.

**Berlin Sinking Claims.**

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(P)—The German air "Henschel-293" was said to be about 10 feet long with wingspan of 10 to 15 feet. It weighs about 2,500 pounds and has a maximum speed of 300 miles per hour.

The silhouette of the bomb looks like a squat fighter plane and the

rocket propulsion element looks like a little bomb slung underneath. The whole contrivance is carried under a regular plane—usually a Dornier-217 or Heinkel 177—and is controlled from it.

## Gen. Bradley Senior Leader of Americans

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(P)—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who took over as the commander of the American Second army corps in Tunisia, succeeding Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., is the senior commander of American ground forces in the United Kingdom, it was disclosed today.

Gen. Bradley was one of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's chief lieutenants in the Mediterranean.

That seems to leave the imbroglio, and where it was—badly not much worse. Observers seem some hope from the fact that the Muscovites don't say they they wouldn't negotiate with a reconstituted Polish government. There are some members of the present Polish government for whom the Russians have a particular dislike. It may be that the opening of negotiations will depend on the elimination of these cabinet officials.

As an offset to this unhappy Russo-Polish development there is encouragement for the belief that a major victory may have been achieved as a result of the unheralded conference in French Morocco between British Premier Churchill and General De Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French.

We are officially informed that these two persons reached agreement on the part that the French are to play in the coming invasion of Western Europe. Evidently they discussed the establishment of a provisional French government after the invasion and reviewed the principal question in Franco-British relations—and they have represented some very hot spots.

Does this mean that the barbed-wire relations between De Gaulle and the Anglo-American allies finally are to be adjusted? Is it to be hoped that it does, for this friction has represented a serious weakness in the allied armor.

Certainly the tone of the official statement is intended to convey the idea that things are taking satisfactory shape. It may be significant that General Eisenhower, enroute from Washington to assume his new duties as supreme commander for the invasion, is said to have conferred with Churchill prior to the latter's conference with De Gaulle.

**Death Sentence Imposed.**

ASSOCIATED PRESS, Algiers, Jan. 17.—(P)—A military tribunal has imposed the death sentence on an Italian convicted of trying to revive fascism in Italy and ordered a woman colleague imprisoned for a year, it was announced today.

**Annual Summoning.**

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## THE WAR TODAY

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day replying to the Soviet offer to negotiate on the basis of the Curzon line—that is, the same border established by the Red army of occupation in 1939—asked for Anglo-American mediation.

Moscow's reply is that the Poles ignored the Curzon line offer and the Soviet declares that it cannot negotiate officially with the Polish government in exile, in view of the fact that diplomatic relations have been broken.

The immediate approach to the Central Asian stronghold of Caspian was cleared at the week end when American troops captured the last high ground before the town by seizing Mt. Trocchio, two miles away. The French were closing in from the northeast.

Heavy Allied bombers ranged into Southern Austria to attack a Messerschmitt plant at Klagenfurt, 75 miles northeast of Trieste. Other planes struck Ospizio in Northeast Italy on a railway leading to Vienna. Orte and Terni north of Rome, were bombed.

In all operations, 18 German planes were destroyed at the cost of five.

Other planes bombed the Yugoslav harbor of Zara in support of Marshal Tito's Partisans, bloodily fighting the Germans in Eastern and Central Bosnia.

The Germans expressed concern over the new Russian assault in the frigid north, asserting the Soviets had a million men poised for the thrust to the Baltic.

The drive, if successful, would finally lift the cruel siege of Leningrad and might force Finland to capitulate.

It was not definitely indicated, however, whether Bradley would become commander of all American ground forces in the coming western invasion of Europe. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery has been designated commander of British ground invasion forces.

American Airmen Killed.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(P)—A total of nine dead and 30 injured, including three American airmen killed and nine other U. S. soldiers injured, was counted today in the crash of two London-bound trains in the suburban station of Inford. Both trains were crowded with hundreds of troops on leave. Names of the Americans were not disclosed immediately.

**King's Personal Guard Arrested.**

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(P)—The Polish Telegraph Agency reported today that the entire personal guard of King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy had been arrested by the Germans and its members shipped in sealed trucks to prisons in Poland.

The Germans still counter-attacked heavily and despite the Southern offensive near Vinnitsa, in a mighty effort to hold open the Odessa-Warsaw railroad.

Moscow said 2,000 Germans were killed and 136 tanks destroyed in this area, about 55 miles from Rumania, in a day, and a German spokesman gloomily asserted that some Russians had crossed the Bug river.

The Vichy radio said American and British heavy bombers were assembling in Russia to begin strategic bombing of Eastern Germany.

Stockholm said "an arsenal city of Brunswick had" and "radio stations and RAF levelled it with 2,240 tons of bombs Friday night. One report said 12,000 were killed and 50,000 made homeless.

The RAF announced that 30 per cent of Leipzig was destroyed in a stroke on Dec. 3.

Radio Berlin said without confirmation that German submarines sank five transports of 36,500 tons three destroyers and two submarines.

**Overheated Stoves  
Blamed Two Fires**

Overheated stoves were blamed for two fires Sunday here.

The first run was at 11:30 a.m. at the intersection of Collin and First streets. The small residence at the intersection of Collin and First streets. The small residence was owned by Lon Pope occupied by Herman Speed, negro, was damaged \$250, including the furniture of the tenant. No insurance was carried by either party.

The second blaze was at 5:30 p.m. at the residence, 628 North Twelfth street, owned by Wilbur A. Wright and occupied by Trent Bond. The loss was estimated at \$1,000, partly covered by insurance.

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## SERVICE ACT

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CONTINUING IN wartime as are invoked against a soldier for throwing down his gun and quitting fighting in the middle of battle.

Among views of Texas house members were these:

Mahon of Colorado City: "The difficulties of working out the mechanics of such a measure are considerable, but I'm willing to go that far if it's necessary."

Russell of Stephenville: "I've always advocated the American Legion—sponsored universal service bill. I take it the president has some measure in mind. Of course I would want to see the bill."

Lyndon B. Johnson of Johnson City: "To me national service reflects the American spirit of one for all and for one."

Luther A. Johnson of Corsicana: "I'm for it, if it'll hasten the winning of the war."

Worley of Shamrock: "I'm for the principle, but I think the proposal is kind of late coming now."

Dies of Orange: "I haven't any comment now."

Patman of Texarkana: "I'm for it."

Beckworth of Gilmer: "I have no comment."

Mansfield of Columbus: "I haven't had time to give it any study, so therefore have no comment."

## CHANGE ANNOUNCED IN OFFICIAL FAMILY

## SENATE MAY RECEIVE FOOD SUBSIDY AGAIN FOR OPEN DEBATE

### CONTRACT RENEGOTIATION ISSUE MAKES TAX BILL PROGRESS SLOW

**WASHINGTON,** Jan. 17.—(AP)—Administration leaders indicated today they were ready to throw the entire food subsidy program—which will end in a month unless action is taken to continue it—before the Senate for debate.

Senator Berkley (D-Ky.), the majority leader, said no progress had been made toward a compromise agreement under which at least part of the program could be salvaged.

War Contracts Taxes.

The Senate continued its slow work on the new revenue bill, the finance committee attempting to iron out conflicting views on war contract renegotiations, which President Roosevelt has urged a curb on war profiteering.

The contract renegotiation issue is scheduled for floor debate as soon as the Senate finishes work on other phases of the \$2,256,000,000 revenue bill. Administration senators oppose an attempt to strip the army and navy of part of their power to revise contracts when profits involved appear excessive.

Draft Campaign Issue.

Mr. Roosevelt will face opposition within his own party in his attempt to force endorsement of national service legislation by the Democratic national convention if Congress fails to act, Capitol Hill legislators said.

If Congress delays action—or rejects the president's recommendation of last week—the proposal may become a presidential campaign issue.

State Department Changes.

**WASHINGTON,** Jan. 17.—(AP)—State Department, guardian of the nation's interests abroad, faced its growing task around the world today from a newly arranged world shop here at home.

Although the grim granite building on Pennsylvania Avenue looks the same, a sweeping reorganization is taking place inside as the result of an order issued Saturday night by Secretary Cordell Hull.

In a general streamlining, the department moved numerous men or its headquarters chessboard to speed the execution of American foreign policy around the globe, both now and after the war.

These moves, it said, will help each man who has a part in forming and carrying out American foreign policy to know better where his own job steps and the next man's begins.

There were promotions, but no demotions, in the reshuffle of functions and offices and titles.

Rep. Wheat Dies.

**WASHINGTON,** Jan. 17.—(AP)—The death of Representative William H. Wheat, Illinois Republican, postponed for 24 hours house consideration of service men's mustering-out pay legislation.

The decision to adjourn out of respect to Wheat, who died yesterday following a heart attack, came as the house rules committee considered procedure under which the bill will be debated. The committee was expected to decree that any and all amendments may be offered to the mustering-out bill when it reaches the floor.

The bill reported by the house military committee provides for a maximum of \$360 to men and women discharged honorably after 60 days of service, and \$100 for those with less service. A Senate-passed bill calls for a sliding scale of \$200 to \$500 and some congressmen have demanded as much as \$700.

**PACIFIC WAR**

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has cost them more than 6,000 casualties.

Veteran Australian troops who forced open the Cio, gateway to northern New Guinea, moved three miles beyond the fallen enemy barge center to within approximately 50 miles of the American army units at Saidor. Another Aussie force continued its inland advance toward the main goal of Madang, big Nipponese defense base 55 miles northwest of Saidor.

Allied fighters and bombers raked the enemy's supply points and barge line along the northeast coast of New Guinea, with Uljan harbor north of Saidor singled out for a load of 96 tons of explosives.

Navy dive and torpedo bombers damaged seven Japanese cargo vessels, a light cruiser and a destroyer, and shot down 29 of 90 to 70 interceptors, in a midday attack on Simpson harbor at Rabaul, New Britain. Reconning pilots said the destroyers and one cargo ship possibly were sunk. In Solomon-based raiders lost two bombers and eight fighters, but four of the planes were saved.

The Japanese retaliated with nuisance raids on territory wrested from them by the allies, including Bougainville, Treasury, Vella Lavella, New Georgia and the Russell Islands in the Solomons; Arwae, Southwest New Britain, where Americans landed Dec. 15, and Salam and the inland village of Dumbu on New Guinea.

**Allied Advance In Burma.**

**NEW DELHI,** Jan. 17.—(AP)—Allied forces have occupied two more villages in Western Burma west of the Mayu mountain range in a slow advance through the jungle, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's head-quarters announced today.

A communiqué said some units had penetrated three miles south and southeast of captured Maung-

## Courthouse News

### District Court.

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*Let's all* BACK THE ATTACK!

## Corsicana Field Air Activities Of Texas

**RUSSO-POLISH**

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during the day. Some Poles in official circles, who have been frankly pessimistic of reconciliation, regarded Mosow's tone as substantiating their fears that Russia is not willing to negotiate with the Polish government-in-exile in London under British-American mediation.

**Only Ray of Hope**  
The only ray of hope apparently was the fact that the Russians did not say flatly they would not resume diplomatic relations with the exile government, but it seemed likely that the latter would have to be reshuffled to be acceptable to Moscow—a move which would cause bitter controversy in the Polish cabinet.

The Soviet statement, replying to the Polish note of Friday which asked British-American help in bringing Poland and Russia together, referred to the diplomatic break as caused by the Poles' acceptance of Goebbel's charges and declared the graves were filled "by German occupationists."

Earlier last week Moscow had offered to negotiate the border problem on the basis of the line drawn in 1919 after the first World War by an Allied commission headed by Viscount Curzon, British foreign secretary. By this suggestion, Russia would retain most of the contested territory, but at the same time Moscow urged that Poland expand westward, taking certain German territory.

**Curzon Line Ignored**  
In the Polish declaration the question of the recognition of the Curzon line as a Soviet-Polish frontier is entirely overlooked and ignored, which can only be interpreted as a rejection of the Curzon line," said the Moscow statement distributed today by the news agency Tass.

Although asserting that "the present Polish government does not wish to establish good neighborly relations" with a reconstituted Polish government.

On that score, the overtones of today's Moscow statement were implicit.

In the Polish emigree cabinet in London still is Marian Kukielka, war minister, who signed a communication April 16, 1943, declaring 15,000 Polish officers and soldiers were missing in the Russian occupation and asking a Red Cross investigation of the German propaganda charges.

The Polish commander-in-chief still is Gen. Kazimierz Sosnowski, who has been a target for bitter recriminations in Moscow. Polish language broadcasts by the Union of Polish Patriots in the U.S.S.R.

**EISENHOWER**

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it this year is another thing." He drew the parallel of a boxer who has won but whose opponent still is on his feet.

**Mirred Speculation.**

Bradley's appointment stirred prompt speculation he would be the invasion commander for all U. S. ground forces as opposite number to Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, who heads the British army group, but there was no official confirmation. Bradley commanded the Second Corps in Tunisia.

Making it clear that preparations were not just starting with his arrival, Eisenhower said:

"I shall the good work of the naval forces, particularly now when they nailed the Scharnhorst and got those three destroyers in the Bay of Biscay. These were simply dramatic moments—the grand work the navy have been doing is evidenced by all the troops brought to England safely."

"We salute the grand work of the air forces, what they have done by bombing Germany, reducing her military potential, and at great risk to themselves and with absolute courage."

**Wonderful Story.**

"It's a wonderful story—even those parts of the effort that have not been publicized. We should not overlook the good work of base supply nor the fine infantry training and preparing out on the cold moors and on the countryside in mud and rain."

Eisenhower, ruddy and healthy-looking, said "fundamentally, public opinion wins wars," and asked the frankest and fullest possible reporting of operations in this theater.

"Take it you are just as anxious as I am to win this war and let it be done so we can all go fishing," he said.

Sticking strongly at any idea that an apology is called for in connection with allied efforts in the Mediterranean, he said troops down there "have become extraordinary fighting men—navy, air and ground."

"They work together as a real

**HEALTH, BEAUTY AND POISE**

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR PERSONALITY  
BY VERONICA DENGEL

**SUITS LEAD IN FASHION.**

Suits, suits—and more suits—with the fashion picture this spring. And did you know that the earlier you choose your suit, the better selection there will be

**Choose Your Spring Suit Now**

for you to choose from—and the betterworkmanship will be found in the first stock. You can't imagine this is true—but it is an accepted fact that cotton and linen clothes made for Southern wear are shown in the winter for those going to warmer climates—are always cut and sewn with greater attention to detail. These clothes are far better for the same price, in many cases, than similar clothes shown in June and July. The fit is hot—and we are not so particular—just so that it is something!"

I rather like this soft blue wool suit of Betty Hutton's (Paramount star soon to appear in "Miracle on Morgan's Creek.")

You will notice that there is an insert of a darker shade, which gives the body a lovely tapering line. The darker shade

team. I don't mean only in the higher echelons among the commanders-in-chief working with me, but on down to the different units of the command."

Wilson said the present objective in Italy was capture of Rome, and that the allied aim was "to bring the maximum pressure on the Germans wherever we can and with the maximum force we can use."

He added that the possibility of war extending into Spain now had receded.

Gen. Eisenhower expressed the greatest satisfaction with the lieutenants assigned him for his command, including Hitler's fortress commander; Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of British ground forces; Air Chief Marshal Trafford L. Leigh-Mallory, Allied commander; Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the U. S. Strategic Air Forces; Gen. Sir Harold Edmund Franklin, commander in chief of the British Home Forces; Lt. Gen. Van Straaten; Lt. Gen. Van Fleet, commander in chief of the British Expeditionary Force.

The prime minister, he added, was looking much better and apparently on the road to recovery when he saw him.

The Allied-air fleet's pounding of Germany, the navy's defeat of the submarines and its transport of men and supplies, and the organization of vast stores of supplies and equipment in the United Kingdom all drew praise as essential preliminaries to his job.

Eisenhower's arrival was announced yesterday by the newly-established U. S. Armed Expeditionary Force, which disclosed that he had conferred with Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt en route to Britain from the Mediterranean, where he recently has been in command.

Visited Washington.  
The bulletin—first to be issued from his new headquarters here—was followed by a United States department of government in Washington that Gen. Eisenhower had spent "few days" in Washington, where he had conferred with President Roosevelt and Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. chief of staff.

The place of Eisenhower's meeting with Churchill was not disclosed, but it presumably was somewhere in the Mediterranean area. A dispatch from Algiers last night said that Churchill had conferred with Gen. Charles De Gaulle at Marrakech, French Mo-

**RUSSIAN**

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Hard freezes in the Pripyat marshes would afford firm terrain for tanks'

The Russians told of repulsing heavy tank and infantry counter-attack yesterday in the south killing 1,200 Germans and destroying 126 tanks. Stockholm dispatches quoted a Berlin military spokesman as saying that some Red Army units had plunged across the Bug river, near Vinnitsa, only 20 miles from the vital Warsaw-Odessa railway which feeds the Germans in the Dnieper Bend.

**Caused Anxiety.**

The new Soviet offensive north of Novosokolniki apparently caused German propagandists some anxiety. One German broadcast declared the Russians were ready to throw 1,000,000 men in a major sweep toward the Baltic States. The Nazi-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau quoted a Berlin military spokesman as saying "we are certainly some of the bloodiest battles between great bodies of troops are about to be fought on the northern front."

A Moscow bulletin said the Red army had launched the drive three days ago, pushing a wedge nine miles wide and five miles deep into the German lines and seizing Nasva to cut the Novosokolniki-Dno railway "ever which the Germans had transferred their troops along the front line."

**Germans Reported In New Retreat**

By HENRY C. CASSIDY  
MOSCOW, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Germans were reported retreating anew today before pressure of a powerful new Red Army offensive north of Novosokolniki where the Russians cut the railroad line leading to Leningrad.

The newspaper Pravda said Red army men were surging forward over smooth snow fields, ripping German lines an intercepting their retreat.

As in other major retreats, the dispatch said the Germans were attempting to demolish everything in their path, burning villages, blowing up bridges and herding the local populations westward.

The new offensive began with a surprise assault on German fortifications around the railroad town of Nasva. Pravda said the Nazi line was broken on the first night of attack and that Nasva fell the next day at noon. The Germans counter-attacked with tanks self-propelled guns and infantry but were repulsed quickly.

At one point, the Germans used two battalions supported by dive bombers in groups of 20 to 25 planes for daylight counter-attacks, the report said. By night the Red army resumed its advance.

The Russians employed tanks liberally in the new drive although the terrain offered considerable obstacles. Fields were clogged with snow in the Novosokolniki region but the deep swamps there never freeze and are especially treacherous in this unusually mild winter.

The thin ice coating breaks under the slightest pressure and brown mud oozes up to impede movements.

SCORCHY SMITH

by Col. W. G. Gooch of El Paso

Fifty men began cooking the meat before sunrise and Seabee Harold Ramar of Fort Worth agreed the food was worth standing in line for. He was not sure, however, whether it was "as good as we used to have in Texas."

Most of the visitors spent the day talking with friends, drinking beer and eating.

"Believe me, seeing all those Texans out here having fun is worth all the work," said Miss Elizabeth Wright, civilian nurse from Corpus Christi who spent two and half months planning the round-up because she was lonely for Texans.

Tribute to Rangers.

Nimitz said the army had paid tribute to the tough, efficient fighting qualities of the Texas Rangers when it applied the name Rangers to "superb soldiers, men who are ready for combat in special and hardening contests."

The admiral continued: "We can add to the things of which we are proud the splendid record of valor and achievement being won by sons of Texas on battlefields in all theaters of war. There are more than half a million native sons of Texas in the armed forces and a growing number of native daughters representing the auxiliary services."

He paid tribute to Miss Wright, who organized the roundup.

Speaking of the achievements of Texans in the war, he said, "the 36th division is making a brilliant record in Italy. Recent press dispatches indicate that the Germans believe Texans composing this division are some kind of secret weapon. A German prisoner recently taken was quoted as saying they now were fighting tough wild men from Texas. These men are alleged to be over ten feet tall and who can swing a 75 millimeter gun from their hip."

Lone Star Battalion.

He lauded the 90th Seabee battalion assigned to the Pacific theater.

The battalion is composed principally of Texans and has been designated the Lone Star battalion.

Nimitz commented, "It is rumored they contemplate building a tunnel under the Pacific to Tokyo in order to get closer to the shooting."

The admiral gave as an example of the bravery of Texans the case of Marine Lieutenant William D. Hawking of El Paso who led attack after attack against enemy machinegun positions at Tarawa and fought dauntlessly and furiously despite three wounds until he was finally killed in action. In his fighting spirit and the fighting spirit of Texan who have fallen on the field of battle we take solemn pride.

More than 2,000 Texans have given their lives in defense of our nation's cherished freedom.

These men are deeply embossed in the hearts and minds of Texans along with other earlier heroes of the republic."

Reviewing Texas' military

achievements of this war, the admiral said "We should not slight

the active and enthusiastic support Texans lent at home.

You will recall that Texans volunteered to buy enough war bonds to replace the cruiser Houston and over-subscribed the quota to the extent that enough was left over

to pay for the carrier San Jacinto.

It is very comforting to know

that our friends and relatives in

Texas are fighting the battle of

the home front so valiantly and to such good purpose."



"Fred doesn't want me to get lonesome while he's away on business!"

**HILL 660**

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shipping by Allied divebombers and torpedo bombers from the New Bougainville Island airfields, in the Solomons, only 250 miles from the enemy base. These fields were recently put into operation, after consolidation of the American beachhead and holdings at Empress Augusta Bay, on the southeast coast of Bougainville.

Much of Simpson Harbor at Rabaul was hidden by clouds, yet the bombers landed, damaging boats on nine ships.

Japs Lost Many Men

Marines have been fighting on both sides of New Britain's westernmost tip, Cape Gloucester, since shortly after their Dec. 26 landing, and the Japanese defenders sacrificed nearly 3,000 men in their effort to retain control of the area. American dead and wounded in the invasion total 400. Americans took the Cape Gloucester airfield Dec. 30 and soon thereafter began their bitter fight for hill 660, dominating

the Borgen Bay sector east of the cape.

Deluges of rain and deeply-emerged Japanese machinegun posts made the battle even more bitter than the bloody struggle for Guadalcanal, some of the veterans said.

Only 50 miles of sea separates western New Britain from New Guinea's Huon peninsula, where the Australian ground forces, joined with the expanding American-held Slo. This occupation, to be held on Sado, farther up the coast, opens the way for the next drive—against the big Japanese shipping base at Madang, 125 airline miles from Slo.

Will Ask Closing of Border.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Rev. James Little a member of Parliament from Ulster, announced today that he will ask the House of Commons to close the border between Northern Ireland and Eire an aftermath to his allegation that two parachutists were dropped from a German bomber into Eire early in December.

**Crossword Puzzle**

HOB	PAGES	DOP
1. Small lake	31. Heathen god	1. Bill of fare
5. Distant	34. Article	2. Malice
6. Crude	35. Dressress	3. Resumption
12. At any time	37. Myself	4. Hernia
13. Fairly enthusiastic	41. Vanducts	5. Southern constellation
14. Yale	45. Tally keepers	6. Devotees: slang
15. Baseball team	47. Jubilant	7. Of the
16. Barber dill	51. Tired	8. Withdrawn
17. Study	53. Head back	9. Spoke from
18. Body of Moslem priests	55. Oriental weight	10. Silence of
19. Showman from Vienna	57. Famous Japanese tree	11. Objects of
20. Mountain	59. Hawaiian	12. High in the air
21. Central part	60. Full suns	13. Circular fairy
22. American Indian	61. Central part	14. Marlin
23. Before	62. American Indian	15. Genus of
24. White man	63. Scarlet	16. Frog
		17. Mouth of
		18. Upright
		19. Secure
		20. Soaking
		21. Absence from school without leave
		22. Hebrew
		23. Eyes
		24. Lower
		25. Mistake
		26. Rent
		27. Mend
		28. Arrow poison
		29. Huge wave

Solution Friday's Puzzle.

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## SOLDIER TELLS OF MAKING ORPHANS IN ENGLAND HAPPY

Pvt. Jack L. Jenkins, stationed somewhere in England, recently wrote his wife, Mrs. Ruby Doris Jenkins, describing his Christmas in England. In the words of Pvt. Jenkins, "I will never forget this Christmas if I live to be a thousand years old, because my company has made happy tonight 117 little orphan girls from the ages of three to ten years."

The girls stood in chow lines, each accompanied by a soldier, and each using a regular GI mess kit. Pvt. Jenkins was working in the mess hall, so he helped serve them.

"We had a Christmas tree for them, and good old Santa was here. He came in a jeep and unhooked one side of the tent and he came rolling right in. Lots of the little girls were scared of Santa, but you should have seen them, they were so proud. Each one got a doll, and a big sack of candy. We each put in the money to buy the toys, such as we can buy over here."

Pvt. Jenkins went on to say in his letter, that after the party was over he hurried back to his tent, and "tore into my boxes" which were received from his wife because for him it was not only Christmas, but his birthday, too.

In closing his letter, the soldier described many pitiful situations in England, how the people have to live, and stated, "I'm thankful for the good old USA."

After a month of service in the medical corps at McClosky hospital, Pvt. Jenkins was transferred to an engineers regiment, and was sent overseas in October, 1943. His wife, the former Ruby Doris Massey, is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Massey, 1120 West Collin street, for the duration. Pvt. Jenkins is the son of J. H. Jenkins, San Antonio. Prior to induction, he and his wife lived in Waco where he was employed by the Katy railroad shops.

## DAVID WUNTCHE IS NAMED ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

AUSTIN, Jan. 15.—(Spl.)—Attorney General Grover Sellers today announced the appointment of David Wunche of Tyler as an assistant attorney general. For the past several months Mr. Wunche has been with the board of insurance commissioners of Texas. At the outbreak of the war he volunteered for military service but was rejected as the physical examination disclosed an obscure ailment.

Mr. Wunche married the former Lillian Samuels of Corsicana, daughter of Mrs. P. Samuels, 714 West Fourth avenue. They have two children, a boy, Thomas, and a girl, Nancy.

Mr. Wunche is a member of the American Bar Association, Texas Bar Association and is a fellow of American Insurance Counsel. He is the author of Epoch-Making Liberty Documents, which work has received world-wide recognition. It has been sold on all the continents of the globe and in every country in Europe except Germany and Italy.

Mrs. Wunche and children are now visiting her mother, Mrs. P. Samuels. Mr. Wunche is well known here, being a frequent visitor in Corsicana.

## CORSICANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL WILL MEET ON TUESDAY

Dr. T. C. Gardner, Baptist State Training Union leader; Rev. Charles Cockrell, pastor of the First Baptist church, Mart, and Miss Mabel Elrod, educational director of the Ivey Street Baptist church, Dallas, will attend the regular meeting of the Corsicana Baptist Associational which will be held at the First Baptist church here, starting wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to conduct a special Training Union emphasis meeting. It has been announced by Rev. H. O. Black, Dawson, Associational Training Union director.

Goals will be set for the year and matters of interest to Training Union workers will be presented at the meeting. An evening session will be held.

## Mrs. Bradley in Attendance Upon PTA Board Meet

Mrs. J. K. Bradley of Rice, Twelfth district president of Parents and Teachers, left Tuesday morning to attend the state board of managers' meeting in Austin. District presidents met Wednesday with the state president, Mrs. Jack M. Little of Dallas, to make plans for spring conferences, set dates and other things.

In November, Mrs. Bradley was elected to serve on the state nominating committee for state officers for the next administration. Others serving include J. B. Golden, Wichita Falls, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Kuy, Port Stetson; Mrs. C. F. LaRimer, Houston, and Mrs. A. H. Davis, Pettus.

Mrs. J. E. Davis, Dawson, state vice-president, attended the board of managers' meeting Wednesday. Upon their return home more definite information concerning the spring conference will follow.

## R. B. Sherrill Died In Local Hospital; Burial at Kerens

Funeral services were held at Kerens for R. B. (Bart) Sherrill, who died at the P. and S. Hospital here Tuesday night. He was 73 years of age and had resided at Kerens all of his life until a few years ago when he moved to the Logan Ranch in Henderson county. Surviving are his wife, six children, a brother, and other relatives.

## IN UNIFORM



Pfc. Clifford Pickering, U. S. Army Air Forces, Alexandria, La., is spending a 10-day furlough with his wife and family here.

C. F. Stevens, state liquor control board operative here, has received a letter written to his sister-in-law in California, Dec. 18, 1943, by Sgt. Woodrow W. Kirkland, Pacific area. The letter stated that a Japanese broadcast had been heard by Sgt. Kirkland in which he heard Sgt. Joe W. Stevens of Munday, Texas, stated he was well and was doing all right in the Japanese prison camp. Sgt. Stevens was captured March 5, 1942. He was a bomber with the U. S. Air Forces, near Mukden, Manchukuo, but his brother here does not know any of the details of his capture.

A-S Ralph D. Spence, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Spence, 808 South Twentieth street, has arrived at the Army Air Forces Thirtieth College Training Detachment (Aircrew), Xavier, W. Va., from Cincinnati, Ohio, from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for a preparatory pre-flight course of military and academic instruction lasting approximately five months.

Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina, Jan. 17.—(Spl.)—Private Freddie F. Grantham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Grantham, of 313 North Fifteenth street, Corsicana, Texas, and a member of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, has recently finished the six-week "boot camp" at Camp Lejeune.

This course includes such subjects as Military Courses, Marine Corps History, Close Order Drill, Chemical Warfare, Map Reading and other subjects pertinent to carrying out future assignments in the Marine Corps. Her first assignment to duty will be stenographer at the Cherry Point, N. C., Marine Corps Air Station.

Miss Aileen Carraway, 724 West First avenue, is in receipt of a V-mail letter from her brother, Capt. Archie E. Carraway, chaplain, U. S. Army, somewhere in North Africa, connected with a general hospital group. The letter was written Dec. 26, 1943, and described the Christmas activities at his post, including a tree and other decorations, in a wire, presents to each patient from the Red Cross, with the nurses also providing additional presents. Santa Claus made the rounds and the singing of Christmas Carols was observed, while bountiful Christmas dinner was served. Both Catholic and Protestant services were held Christmas. Capt. Carraway formerly was a resident of Corsicana and at one time served as assistant pastor of the First Methodist church here.

Sgt. Ben Duncan McCandless, son of Mrs. McCandless, sent Christmas greetings to friends and relatives in Corsicana. Formerly stationed on Guadalcanal, he has recently been transferred to another island in the Pacific. Sgt. McCandless was born and reared in Corsicana and was a member of the 1937 graduating class of the Corsicana high school. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McCandless, Sr., now reside in Houston.

Pte. Louis W. Dickson and wife of Fort Benning, Ga., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. Dickson, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cates of Purdon, on a fifteen-day furlough. Pte. Dickson is in the parisons, and has just finished a course in radio. He will go to Fort Bragg for further training. Dickson entered the army on March 4, 1943 and was stationed at Fort Lewis.

Sgt. George Leonard, Jr., radio man and aerial gunner member of a bomber crew, U. S. Army Air Forces, has arrived in Corsicana from Kingman, Ariz., to spend a short furlough with relatives and friends prior to reporting to Salt Lake City, Utah, January 24 for assignment.

**Presentation Of  
Awards Postponed  
Corsicana Field**

Ceremonies at Corsicana Field, Air Activities of Texas, scheduled Sunday at 5 p. m. to present awards to relatives of two Korean heroes have been postponed until Sunday, January 23, at the same hour. It was announced Friday afternoon by Lieut. Louis Renfrow, public relations officer.

This action was taken on account of the unfavorable weather, the officer stating snow was five inches deep on the ramp at 3 p. m. Friday.

The decorations were to have been presented to James L. Simons, a brother of Lt. Andrew Van Simmons, navigation in a Flying Fortress, now a prisoner of Germany, and to Mrs. Fayrene Hewgley, Kerens, wife of Tech. Sgt. Grady E. Hewgley, crew chief of a B-17 bomber, also a prisoner in Germany.

### QUAKE

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To consider additional measures for relief and reconstruction of the city, the Buenos Aires radio said in a broadcast heard by U. S. government monitors. Ramiroz will leave the Capital at 11 a. m. with a party of officials on a special train to make a personal inspection of the city, the broadcast added.

Authorities said that 90 percent of the buildings in San Juan, which was jolted by four shocks Saturday night and Monday morning, were destroyed and none of those left standing was habitable. The quake crumpled modern, steel-reinforced structures, such as the City Hall, and other government buildings, as well as the twin-spired 19th century Cathedral and other more ancient buildings.

The injured—one estimate placed the number as high as 13,000—were treated in the hospitals of Mendoza, 75 miles south of San Juan, and authorities ordered school buildings converted into temporary hospitals. Physicians and nurses worked without rest amid the debris of the stricken city, administering to the injured. Additional doctors and nurses, and blood plasma, medicine, food and clothing, were being rushed by train, plane and truck.

## FORMER CORSICANA RESIDENT DIED IN HUMBLE ON SUNDAY

Mrs. Walter Welborn died at her home in Humble Sunday afternoon according to word received here by relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at Humble.

A former resident of Corsicana she had lived in Humble several years.

Surviving are her husband, two sons, a daughter, a brother, M. D. L. Bunch, Corsicana; two sisters, Mrs. G. G. Owen, Embree; Mrs. Wallace Donaho, Corsicana, and other relatives.

## MRS. SALLIE STAGGS BURIED WEDNESDAY AT BLOOMING GROVE

Mrs. Sallie Ann Staggs, aged 53 years, died at her home in Blooming Grove Tuesday morning. Funeral rites were held from the First Baptist church in Blooming Grove Wednesday afternoon.

Surviving are her husband, S. G. Staggs, Blooming Grove; three daughters, Mrs. Victor Ronch, New London; Mrs. Wade Thomas, Kershaw, and Mrs. Lofton Hargrove, Blooming Grove, and 15 grandchildren.

## BUTLER PRESIDED AT ETCC PLANNING MEET IN MARLIN

Charity, starting at home, now reaches 'round the world.

Such is the story in the Navarro county Red Cross chapter reported today that indicates articles made in this community are helping war-plagued women and children of foreign countries to keep warm and well this winter.

Those citizens of Corsicana and Navarro county who have contributed money to the Red Cross also may know that their help is bringing comfort to a human being in some far off place, according to J. N. Garity, chapter chairman.

"Medical, hospital and surgical supplies, clothing and other relief items valued at more than \$79,000,000 have been distributed to war victims in 30 nations through the American Red Cross," Chairman Garity said. "These articles have gone to some 35,000,000 people all over the world, from China to Holland," it was pointed out.

Supplies shipped from Navarro county Red Cross chapter are a part of chapter produced and donated articles with an estimated value of \$19,000,000 which were sent abroad last year, the chairman stated. Other sources of supplies include provisions from the United States government and direct expenditure from Red Cross funds.

**Steady Flow Maintained.**  
"A steady flow of relief supplies has been maintained," Chairman Garity stated, "in spite of the difficulties of transportation, procurement of supplies, and the changing conditions following the entry of the United States into the war. Allied nations and refugee populations have had first priority on supplies."

Medical supplies and clothing have been a large share of materials shipped, according to the chairman.

"Junior Red Cross members have participated also in this program through their national children's fund, production work, and gift boxes," the chairman stated.

**Junior Red Cross.**

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. B. Dawson, local Junior Red Cross members sent articles that included 100 pairs of socks, men in both the U. S. navy and army, and dispensed their share of holiday cheer to men in uniform throughout the world.

A recent call for volunteer knitters came from the production chairman, Mrs. F. R. Young of the Navarro county chapter, who stated that 150 pounds of yarn had arrived and that the following items would comprise the county's quota: 70 O. D. sleeveless undershirts; 32 O. D. gloves; 48 O. D. helmets; 40 O. D. mufflers; 34 T-neck sweaters; 18 N. B. gloves; 12 N. B. watch caps; 40 N. B. scarfs; 300 grey stump socks (100 each for wrist, ankle and thigh.)

The knitters who are responding to the recent call for volunteers are now being given a chance to help the men of both the army and navy to keep warm and well this winter, which is just another way of saying that Red Cross relief work actually starts here in the local chapter and eventually extends around the world."

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